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1. Until October 1955, no indication was available that the KVP tank repair shop was to be enlarged although the number of tanks to be overhauled increased to 30, a quota which can be met only by the highest possible exploitation of all technical facilities. Although the northern assembly line was attended by only a small number of workmen, financial difficulties did not permit an employment of new personnel. The 1956 table of organization even included a further reduction of personnel. With 19 workers at the ordnance section and 9 workers at the optical section at present, the two sections will employ only 10 and 5 workers respectively in January 1956. As another measure to meet financial difficulties, workers paid according to wages-tariff 8 will be downgraded to tariff 7. Construction work stopped after completing the buildings under construction. New building plans were not known.

2. The following is a list of vehicles which were observed at the installation on 1 October:

Building or Place	Number of Vehicles
Hall 2 (main work shop)	
Southern assembly line	14
Northern assembly line	12
Hall 3 (mounting shop)	4
Hall 4 (parking ground for overhauled vehicles)	4
Parking lot for newly arrived vehicles between Hall 3 and Hall 4	8
Parking lot for unidentified vehicles near Hall 8	5

Total 47

3. Between 31 August and 9 October, vehicles overhauled in Hall 2 included 1 JS-2 tank, 17 T-34/85 tanks, 6 T-34/76 tanks, 1 SU-100, 1 SU-85 and 8 SU-76 (a total of 34 vehicles)

4. In September, the monthly quota of vehicles to be overhauled was 30. The Bereichsleiter (section leader) II stated that this quota was the utmost capacity of the repair shop.

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5. In contrast to 1954, the delivery of spare parts improved slightly. It is still impossible, however, to keep in storage only a small number of the most important spare parts. Since new engines from Gurzen could not be delivered in time, overhauling of vehicles had to be stopped rather often. Spare parts delivered from Rohering included gun tubes, pneumatic recuperators and recoil brakes, recoil brake packings, spare parts for pneumatic recuperators, collars and tallow packings.
6. Main deficiencies observed with the vehicles turned in were worn-out tracks. Many engines also were in need of repair. Since all vehicles were in a very bad condition and the short supply of material did not allow a complete overhauling, most of the vehicles were delivered after repair of the main damage only.
7. The tanks were generally overhauled in Hall 2, given a test drive to Nemerower Holz and were remounted in Hall 3. A spraying machine was put up in front of this hall. After remounting, the vehicles were parked in Hall 4.
8. No kind of infra-red equipment was observed with the turned-in vehicles.
9. The number of workmen could not be determined. Employees of the cadre office stated that 27 workers had given notice and 20 skilled workers were hired during the last three months.
10. The following is a list of KVP officers who belonged to the installation (first names unknown):

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Lieutenant Colonel	Berndt	chief of the repair shop
Major	Mark	head of the motor park and depot
Captain	Weber	political officer (on sick leave)
Captain	Heese	deputy political officer
Senior Lieutenant	Bruhn	security officer
Senior Lieutenant	Laux	leader of section II
Lieutenant	Staschel	radio officer
Lieutenant	Koehn	supply officer
Lieutenant	Schulz	chief clerk
Sublieutenant	Schlackmann	acceptance officer
Sublieutenant	Feitsch	controller

11. On 29 September, an ordinance course ended which began on 10 July.
12. The kitchen building was completed. Senior Lieutenant Laux stated that a miscalculation prevented the construction of a new mess hall. The long-planned construction of a target range at Nemerower Holz had not yet started.
13. The security measures were increased. No workman was allowed to leave his work place. Special guards controlled the various halls. The guard of the installation was increased to about 50 men, while the factory combat group included about 50 members. Visitors or members of the installation who lived in the Augusta Bad restricted area were closely examined. Even relatives had to pass a thorough control of up to 30 minutes at the barrier.

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